

Diabetes Advisory Council
July 27, 2011
Indiana State Department of Health
Rice Auditorium

Minutes

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Participants:

Via conference call – Anita Bagley, Sandra Edmond, Diana Emmick, Kristi Ferrell, Rose Flinchum, Margie Fort (Chair – Primary Prevention Committee), Lisa Graves, Robin Meleski (Chair – Education and Health Services Committee), Karen Pope, Lisa Staten

In person – Carla Chance, Steve Clarke, Rosana De Jesus, Tina Elliott, Katie Fabbro, Anita Gupta, Tamara Hannon, Jerry King, Mike Lindbloom, Greg Lorenz, Morgan McGill, Bill McKee, Lanet Owen, Danielle Patterson, Jennifer Pferrer, Doug Poe, Karen Shidler, Linda Stemnock, Allen Tunstall (Chair – Data, Surveillance and Evaluation Committee), Molly Wehrenberg, Nancy Yoder

DPCP/Chronic Disease Staff: Adrienne Garcia, Meenakshi Garg, Jena Grosser, Laura Heinrich, Manisha Singhal, Champ Thomaskutty, Gail Wright

2. ISDH Division of Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Reorganization

Laura Heinrich discussed the restructuring of the Chronic Disease Division into three main sections: **Cancer** (includes the Breast and Cervical, Comprehensive Cancer Control, and Cancer Registry programs); **Diabetes and Cardiovascular Health**; and **Respiratory Disease** (includes the Asthma Control program). These sections will coordinate efforts on health system changes and other common priorities.

The Diabetes and Cardiovascular Health programs will be integrated into one section starting in September 2011. The Cardiovascular Health Program is currently building capacity. A cardiovascular fact sheet has been developed, a burden report is in progress, and NACDD-funded Geographic Information System (GIS) training is currently underway for Diabetes and Cardiovascular staff. In addition, a community grant has been awarded to a local nonprofit agency to work with local restaurants and grocery stores in Johnson County to produce, procure, and promote low-sodium options to the Hispanic community.

3. ISDH Diabetes Program Updates

Laura provided an overview of diabetes and pre-diabetes evidence-based programs that are being conducted in community settings across the state including: Living a Health Life with Chronic Conditions (the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP)), the Diabetes Empowerment Education Program with Tobacco Cessation (DEEP-TC), and the Y Diabetes Prevention Program (Y-DPP).

Laura also discussed progress on the Diabetes State Plan. A problem statement has been developed, and committees have been meeting regularly via conference call to develop goals, objectives, and strategies. The Steering Committee has also met twice since the last council meeting in April. The target completion date for the plan is November 2011.

4. Diabetes and Cardiovascular Health Statewide Coalition

Jena Grosser presented on: 1) the overlap of diabetes and cardiovascular health issues, and 2) the advisory council becoming a coalition. She noted that the major difference between a council and coalition is that coalitions are able to engage in advocacy, marketing, and outreach efforts. Coalitions are also able to accept funding from external agencies. In order to move forward on developing a coalition, a fiscal agent would need to be established to house the coalition. Several agencies expressed interest in assuming this role including the Indiana Public Health Association (IPHA), the Indiana Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA), and the Indiana Rural Health Association (IRHA).

A vote was taken on whether ISDH could move forward in pursuing a fiscal agent and all were in favor. Next steps include forming a transition team (see section in bold below), revising bylaws, and recruiting cardiovascular health members to sit on the coalition.

5. DAC Leadership and Committee Structure

Jim Clark is stepping down as Chair of the Advocacy and Partnerships Committee due to a work reassignment. His colleague, Bill McKee, has offered to step in as Chair. Bill is a Marketing Manager at Roche Diagnostics.

The following 2 council seats are still vacant: Chair and Chair Elect. Please contact Laura if you are interested in either of these positions. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those interested in sitting on the Transition Team Committee as the DAC morphs into a Diabetes and Cardiovascular Health Coalition. Please contact Laura if you would like to add your name to the list.

6. Member Updates

Jennifer Pferrer, with the American Diabetes Association (ADA), gave an update on a new education program for recently diagnosed patients with Type 2 diabetes entitled “Living with Type 2 Diabetes.” She also provided an update on the “Step Out: Walk to Fight Diabetes” ADA fundraising event to be held on October 2, 2011. More information can be found at www.diabetes.org.

7. The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm and broke up into the following Committee discussions:

- Education and Health Services
- Primary Prevention
- Data, Surveillance, and Evaluation

The Advocacy and Partnerships Committee will reconvene soon. A draft agenda has been developed based on discussions with the former Chair.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, October 26, 2011.